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**Re: Comments on the Distributed Resource Interconnection Draft Rule**

Dear Mr. Iannello:

In response to the Commission's request for comments on the Distributed Resource Interconnection Draft Rule, the City of Chicago supports the expansion of distributed resources in Illinois. Chicago's Energy Plan calls for maximizing the use of distributed resources by minimizing the initial cost and payback period, and by addressing regulatory barriers. The key to achieving this is fair and reasonable access to the electrical distribution grid.

As you review comments on the draft rule, I urge you to consider the recommendations of the various stakeholders pursuing the fair and equitable installation of distributed resources in Illinois, specifically the following:

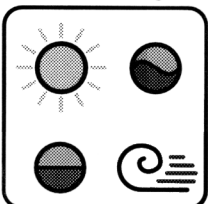
- Establishing clear timelines and cost limits on interconnection studies;
- Removing unreasonable distribution utility discretion;
- Allowing the safe interconnection of distributed resources to networks; and
- Streamlining the application process for many interconnections.

Thank you again for providing us the opportunity to comment on these important rules, and we look forward to discussing any and all aspects of our recommendations with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Marcia Jiménez  
Commissioner

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